

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Bennett, Accavitti, McConico, Leland (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Tobocman, Dillon (2/19)

Representative Marleau, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **September 19, 2006**. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

Representative Palsrok, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives Tobocman** and **Dillon**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5847** before the committee.

HB 5847	Moolenaar	Economic development; renaissance zones; number of renaissance zones; increase.
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At the request of **Representative Moolenaar**, **Chair Huizenga** explained the intent of the bill.

Representative Sak testified in support of the bill.

James McBryde and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill, and explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

Don Van Singel, representing both the City of Grand Rapids and Daimler Chrysler Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6606** before the committee.

HB 6606	Hildenbrand	Economic development; other; convention and tourism promotion act; provide for.
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Representative Hildenbrand explained the intent of the bill.

Steve Wilson, representing the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Visitors Bureau, testified in **support** of the bill.

Mayor Al McGeehan, representing the City of Holland, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards on the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Bret Murr, representing the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, indicating **support** for the bill; and

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, indicating that he was still studying the bill and had **no position** at this time.

Mr. Murr also submitted a testimony card on behalf of the Michigan Hotel, Motel, and Resort Association, indicating a **neutral** position on the bill.

Representative Hildenbrand, supported by **Representative Green**, moved to report **House Bill 6606** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Accavitti, Leland (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Palsrok, Bennett (2/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 5847**.

Representative Baxter, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 5847**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Hildenbrand, supported by **Representative Green**, moved to report **House Bill 5847**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:47 a.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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